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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL OFFICE/STORAGE SPACE

1. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE EMBASSY HAS VIRTUALLY NO STORAGE SPACE WHICH HAS REQUIRED US TO STORE VALUABLE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT IN OLD LIFE VANS IN THE CHANCERY PARKING LOT. BESIDES TAKING UP MUCH NEEDED PARKING SPACE, THE LIFT VANS ARE UNSIGHTLY AND A SERIOUS FIRE HAZARD. COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE SPACE IS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTANT IN DAMASCUS AND MOST BUSINESSES ARE FORCED TO RENT APARTMENTS FOR WAREHOUSING PURPOSES. THE EMBASSY FOR SOMETIME HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR SPACE REASONABLY CLOSE TO THE CHANCERY TO USE FOR STORAGE PURPOSES BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED BY THE OWNER OF THE BASEMENT APARTMENT ADJACENT TO THE APARTMENT WHERE THE GENERAL SERVICES SECTION IS OFFICED THAT HE WANTS TO MOVE IN LATE JUNE AND HE HAS OFFERED TO LEASE THE APARTMENT TO THE EMBASSY NOW WITH OCCUPANCY AND RENT PAYMENT TO BE AFTER JUNE 30.

3. THE APARTMENT HAS 2150 SQUARE FEET OF USABLE SPACE. RENT WOULD BE DOLS 2740 PER ANNUM, A FIGURE THAT IS DIRT CHEAP BY DAMASCUS STANDARDS. THE OWNER WANTS TWO YEARS RENT IN ADVANCE BUT IS WILLING TO LEASE THE APARTMENT FOR NINE YEARS AT THE SAME RENTAL PRICE.

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4. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO

HELP SOLVE OUR CRITICAL SPACE PROBLEM AT AN EXTREMELY MODEST
COST.

ACTION REQUESTED

5. THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE THE EMBASSY TO SIGN A LEASE
NOW WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR OCCUPANCY AND RENT PAYMENT AFTER
JUNE 30. THE LEASE WOULD BE FOR NINE YEARS WITH
RENT FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS PAYABLE IN ADVANCE AND THEN
YEARLY IN ADVANCE FOR THE REMAINING SEVEN YEARS OF THE LEASE.
TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL IS REQUESTED.
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